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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor the Department of Justice's wise decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust case.

The settlement agreement is fair, and it achieves the goals of those who believe Microsoft has engaged in anticompetitive behavior. Dragging the case through the courts will serve no good purpose. Especially since there is really no better remedy than what the settlement agreement provides.

Microsoft has agreed to disclose its internal Windows operating information to its competitors. They have also agreed to make it easier for computer manufacturers to remove features of Windows and to replace them with other software programs. By doing these things, they are essentially leveling the playing field in the technology world.

The approval of the settlement agreement is the best course of action. Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,


Gilbert Koedel

cc: Senator Rick Santorum